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WORKFORCE HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE TO MEET

PIERRE – The Workforce Housing Study Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in Room 413 of the State Capitol in Pierre beginning at 8:00 AM (CDT).

The committee was assigned the tasks of studying the need for workforce housing in the state, especially in the rural areas, and finding ways to address the need. The study will include a review of the programs offered by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority.

The committee will begin by examining the workforce housing issues that are currently confronting both large and small communities in South Dakota. Committee members will then learn of the challenges that exist in creating and sustaining affordable housing. They will hear about current housing programs and look at the workforce housing shortage from the perspective of the rental industry and a mortgage lender. Lastly, the committee will explore some of the issues surrounding the destruction and removal of old buildings within communities. The public is invited to attend. Public testimony will be taken in the afternoon.

The complete agenda is available at the Legislative Research Council website: www.sdlegislature.gov.

Workforce Housing Interim Study members include: Committee Chair, Representative David Lust (R- Rapid City); Committee Vice Chair, Senator Ryan Maher (R-Isabel); Senators Terri Haverly (R-Rapid City), Kevin Killer (D-Pine Ridge), and Jeff Monroe (R-Pierre); Representatives Roger D. Chase (R-Huron), Jason W. Kettwig (R-Milbank), Sean McPherson (R-Rapid City), Sue Peterson (R-Sioux Falls), Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland), Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls), Charles M. Turbiville (R-Deadwood), and Susan Wismer (D-Britton).